AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A notes service for a computer aided design (CAD) application, comprising:

a note creation module which captures an electronic note ~~and associates it~~ associated with a ~~context~~ change in a three-dimensional model of said CAD application; ~~and~~

a note storage module which stores said captured note and an associated data file ~~context~~ for later retrieval[[.]]; and

a note retrieval module for retrieving and displaying said captured note with a display screen of said three-dimensional model, that existed when said note was generated, using said associated data file.

2.   (Currently Amended) The notes service of claim 1, ~~comprising:~~ wherein [[a]] said note retrieval module ~~which~~ receives a query condition and retrieves said captured note and associated ~~context~~ data file if said note meets said query condition.

3.   (Original) The notes service of claim 1, comprising:

a note management module which enables a user to modify a captured note.

4.   (Original) The notes service of claim 1, comprising:

a collaboration function which allows a plurality of collaboration session members to synchronously view a graphical user interface of said notes service.

5.   (Currently Amended) A method for capturing and managing electronic notes in a computer aided design (CAD) based application, comprising:

capturing a note in a note object; and

associating a ~~context~~ data file with said captured note ~~to said note object,~~ wherein said data file is used to generate a display of a three-dimensional model of said CAD application that existed when said note was captured.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, comprising:

storing said note object and said associated ~~context~~ data file in persistent storage for later retrieval.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, comprising:

receiving a query condition; and

retrieving said note object and said associated ~~context~~ data file if attributes of said note object meet said query condition.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 5, comprising:

displaying said note captured in said note object.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, comprising:

presenting said display of said three-dimensional model using said data file ~~displaying said context associated with said note object~~.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 5, comprising:

capturing a second note and linking said second captured note to said captured note in an hierarchical relationship.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, comprising:

connecting to a collaboration session; and

synchronously displaying a notes service graphical user interface to all members connected to said collaboration session.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, comprising:

locking said note to prevent other members of said collaboration session from changing said note.

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium tangibly embodying program instructions implementing a method for capturing and managing electronic notes in a computer based application, the method comprising the steps of:

capturing a note in a note object; and

associating a data file ~~context~~ with said captured note ~~to said note objects~~, wherein said data file is used to generate a display of a three-dimensional model of said CAD application that existed at the time the note was captured.

14.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, the method comprising:

storing said note object and said associated ~~context~~ <u>data file</u> in persistent storage for later retrieval.

15.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, the method comprising:

receiving a query condition; and

retrieving said note object and said associated ~~context~~ <u>data file</u> if attributes of said note object meet said query condition.

16.   (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, the method comprising:

displaying said note captured in said note object.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 15, the method comprising:

<u>presenting said display of said three-dimensional model using said data file</u> ~~displaying said context associated with said note object~~.

18.   (Original) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, the method comprising:

capturing a second note and linking said second captured note to said captured note in an hierarchical relationship.

19.   (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium of claim 13, the method comprising:

connecting to a collaboration session; <u>and</u>

synchronously displaying a notes service graphical user interface to all members connected to said collaboration session.

20.　　(Original)　The computer readable storage medium of claim 19, the method comprising:

locking said note to prevent other members of said collaboration session from changing said note.